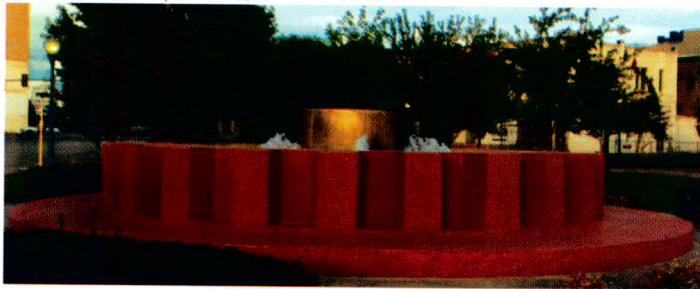


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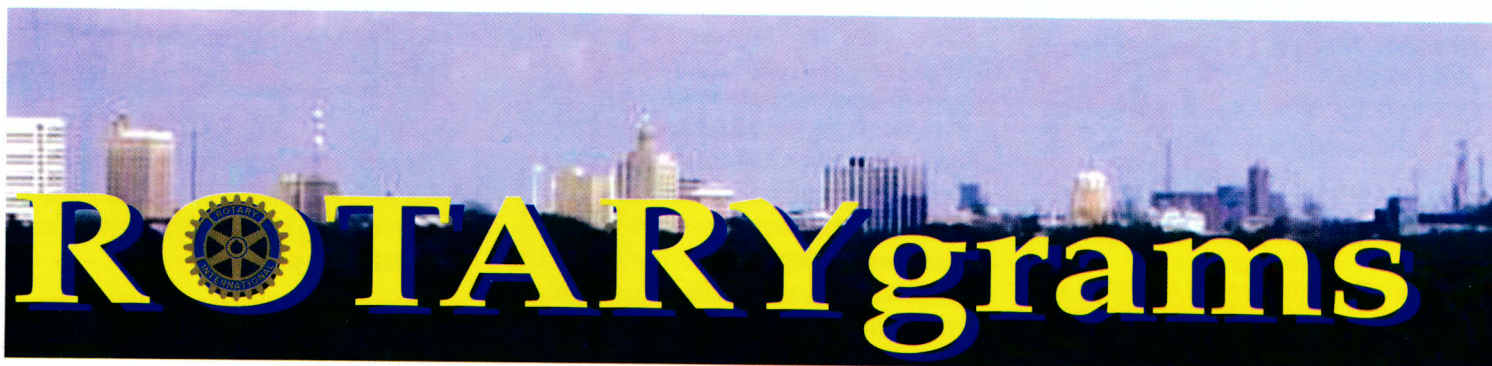


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Warden R.D. Miles - Federal Correctional Complex

Next week's program will feature Federal Bureau of Prisons Warden R.D. Miles. Warden Miles is in charge of the United States Penitentiary at the Federal Correctional Complex in Beaumont.

The USP is one of four units besides the Central Administration located at the Beaumont complex. When the Beaumont complex was built it was the fourth of its type in the United States.

The complex includes the penitentiary, medium security, low security and camp levels units housing some 5,000 inmates plus the central administra-

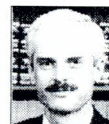
tion. More than a thousand staff members are employed at the complex.

The Federal Bureau of Prisons was established in 1930 to provide more progressive and humane care for Federal inmates, to professionalize the prison service and to ensure consistent and centralized administration of the 11 Federal prisons in operation at that time.

Today, the Bureau consists of 103 institutions, 6 regional offices, a Central Office (headquarters), 2 staff training centers, and 28 community

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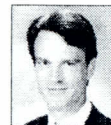
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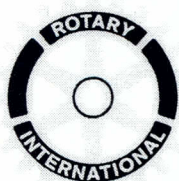


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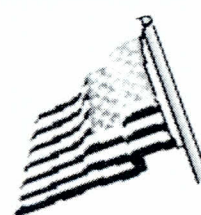


GUEST INTRODUCTION
TRAVIS BREWER,
 BRANCH MANAGER,
 BLUE BELL CREAMERIES

From the chef: Baked Chicken



Don't forget to sign up
 for the Flag Project!
 See your July 23rd
RotaryGrams for details.



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Program Review

What a delightful day at Rotary! Smiles, chuckles, and hearty laughter accompanied the presentation by Gisela Houseman, mountain climber. Even though Mount Kilimanjaro is a dangerous mountain and four people died on the mountain the same year Gisela climbed it, she made the hike sound like an adventure well worth risking.

The 1999 trip to Africa that Gisela and her husband Tony took began with a breathtakingly beautiful hot-air balloon ride over the Serengeti National Park.

Upon landing, they parted ways, with Tony leaving to hunt Cape buffalo in another part of Africa and Gisela being whisked away by her guide Cambona to her luxury accommodation, a tent! In all of her travels throughout the world, she had never before slept in a tent, but it came to be a beacon of comfort at the end of every day during her adventure.

Inspired by the writings of Ernest Hemingway, she had dreamed of climbing the mountain for many years. The experience exceeded her dreams. During the eight-day trek, she passed through rain forest, heavy brush, boulder-strewn lava fields and ice fields before reaching the summit at 7:45 a.m. on October 5th, the "top of Africa" at 19,340 feet.

With beautiful slides and a wonderful sense of humor, our guest speaker took us on a quick trip to the top of the world and back. In her closing remarks, the little lady with the big ambition challenged everyone to "realize your dream." She made "going for it" sound like a terrific idea.

Our thanks to **Leonard Clifton** for ably manning the slide projector controls and especially to **Paula Bothe** for arranging such a fascinating and entertaining program.

Attendance

Throughout August and September, we will continue to post your July 2002—June 2003 attendance percentage next to your name on your *RotaryGrams* address label.

Congratulations to our fifteen members with 100% attendance for the period!

Please call the Rotary Office if you think some of your make ups were not included.

One of **President Azim's** goals for his year is to raise our club's overall attendance. **Vice President Paula Bothe** and her Program Committee are lining up an outstanding schedule of programs so please plan to join us every week!

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corrections offices. The regional offices and the Central Office provide administrative oversight and support to the institutions and community corrections offices.

Warden Miles began his career at McNeil Island, Washington as a correctional officer. He has advanced through positions at Bastrop, Texas, Lewisburg, Pennsylvania, and Oakdale, Louisiana before moving to the Beaumont USP last year.

Warden Miles was born in Wallace, Idaho, and holds a M.A. degree in criminal justice from Washington State University.

Future Programs

August

20th Senator Tommy Williams
 27th Joan Walker - Waterborne Education Center

Makeups

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Earlybirds Needed

Come September 11th, flags will be flying in front of Beaumont homes and businesses, courtesy of our club and the Boy Scouts.

In an equitable division of labor, Rotarians have agreed to put the flags out early in the morning and the scouts have agreed to gather them up before sunset.

To accomplish our part, we need 15 Rotarians, operating in 3-man crews, each crew in a pickup truck. If you would be willing to help, please call **John Quigley** or **Floyd McSpadden**. They are in the Roster.

P.S. **Alexine** confirms that this duty will count as a meeting make up.

Ramblings

Don Thompson gives this advice: Before mowing, it's always a good idea to check your lawnmower blades to ensure they are not on backwards.

If you are, or think you are, a compassionate person, talk to **Lorrie Hayes** from Junior Achievement.

Wishes for speedy recovery go to **Paula O'Neal** recovering from a possibly stroke and **Toby Castro** in St. E recovering from surgery.

Please notify **Mary Parmer** or **Michelle Harris** of the Sunset Committee of any Rotarian or Rotarian family member who is ill so we can send a card and call, or call the Rotary Office.

Notification cards are available at the Registration Table in the front hall before and after every meeting.

Birthdays

Our sincere apologies to **Jack** for omitting his birthday from an earlier issue. We hope you had a great one!

2nd Jack Schenck (95)
Retired,
GSU



Born in Morgantown, West Virginia, he is a graduate of Michigan State University and New York University. He and his wife Rita are the parents of Erik. Jack enjoys skiing, scuba diving and foreign languages.

17th James Broussard (73)
President,
Broussard's Mortuary



A Beaumont native, he attended Texas A&M and Lamar University and is a graduate of Commonwealth College of Science and the National Foundation of Funeral Service, School of Management. He and his wife Barbara are the parents of Cheryl, James Jr., Catherine and Karen. They are members of St. Anne's Catholic Church. He enjoys boating. James is a Paul Harris Fellow.



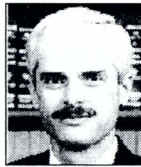
President Azim (r) is shown with Rotary International President Jonathan Majiyagbe (c) of Nigeria and District 5910 Governor Hugh Summers (l) at the Presidents Elect Training Seminar earlier this year.

18th Chris Colletti (98)
Executive Vice President,
Young Men's Business League



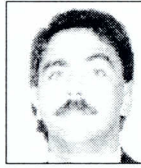
A Beaumont native, he attended Lamar University. He and his wife Colleen are the parents of Hannah and Carina, and are members of Cathedral in the Pines. He enjoys camping and playing golf.

19th Robert Edgar (94)
Principal,
Edgar, Kiker & Cross



A Beaumont native, he is a graduate of Baylor University and the University of Texas, Arlington. He and his wife Ellen are the parents of Sarah, Daniel, John and Nathan, and are members of Cathedral in the Pines. He enjoys jogging, hiking and canoeing.

19th John Johnson (94)
Partner,
Orgain, Bell & Tucker



Born in Kinder Louisiana, he is a graduate of Louisiana State University and the University of Texas School of Law. He and his wife **Lori Falk** are the parents of Jacob and Abigail, and are members of St. Jude Thaddeus Catholic Church. He enjoys sailing.



Is your birthday coming soon?

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